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Dear Sirs:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that the following reference(s) be considered in the examination of the above-identified patent application:

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Consideration of the above-identified references in the examination of the present patent

application is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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